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SUB: TARIFF INCREASES

1. GOP ANNOUNCED ON FEB 1 INCREASE IN IMPORT
DUTY ON TWENTY-TWO ITEMS. EMBASSY HAS ATTEMPTED TO
SECURE OFFICIAL LIST WITH SIC, HOWEVER, THIS INFO
WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR SEVERAL DAYS. WILL POUCH
COPY OFFICIAL NOTICE LATER. PRESS AND COMMERCE MINISTRY
OFFICIALS REPORT INCREASE IS FLAT TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT
AD VALOREM ADDITIONAL DUTY EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

2. ITEMS COVERED IN INCREASE ACCORDING TO PRESS ARE:

-- ARMS AND AMMUNITION,
--BETEL LEAVES,
--BETEL NUTS,
--COCOA AND ITS PREPARATIONS,

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--COFFEE,

- CUTCH AND GAMBIER - (TANNING EXTRACT OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN),
- ESSENCES FOR BEVERAGES,
- FOOD COLORS AND FOOD ESSENCES,
- HOPS,
- REFRIGERATORS AND AIR CONDITIONERS AND THEIR COMPONENTS AND SPARE PARTS,
- ROOM HEATERS AND THEIR COMPONENTS AND SPARE PARTS,
- DOMESTIC COOKERS,
- DOMESTIC WATER HEATERS AND THEIR COMPONENTS AND SPARE PARTS,
- INTERCOM SYSTEMS AND THEIR COMPONENTS AND SPARE PARTS,
- PERFUMERY CONCENTRATES,
- RECORD PLAYERS AND RECORD CHANGERS,
- DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES,
- STAINLESS STEEL SINKS,
- CHROMIUM PLATED SANITARY FITTINGS,
- MAN-MADE FIBERS AND YARN MADE OF MAN-MADE FIBERS,
- BIRI LEAVES,
- MOTOR CARS AND JEEPS AND SPARE PARTS OF MOTOR VEHICLES INCLUDING SPARK PLUGS

3. COMMERCE MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE STATED ON TWO OCCASIONS THAT THE INCREASE WAS FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL PURPOSES TO DETER IMPORTS OF NONESSENTIAL ITEMS FOR WHICH IMPORT LICENSES WERE ISSUED AT A MUCH HIGHER RATE THAN PROJECTED DURING THE FIRST HALF OF PRESENT FISCAL YEAR. UNDER PAKISTANI LAW, THIS IS TERMED A "REGULATORY TARIFF" UNDER WHICH THE GOP IS PERMITTED TO RAISE TARIFFS UP TO AN ADDITIONAL TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT FOR A SHORT PERIOD WITHOUT GOING TO THE LEGISLATURE. GOP IS JUST BEGINNING THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF IMPORT POLICY FOR THE COMING FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY. AT THAT TIME, REGULATORY TARIFFS CAN BE INCORPORATED INTO REGULAR TARIFFS ON MORE OR LESS PERMANENT BASIS, DISCONTINUED OR CONTINUED ON TEMPORARY BASIS WITH THE BLESSING OF LEGISLATURE. AS A SEPARATE DUTY.

4. THE YARNS OF MAN-MADE FIBER ARE PRESENTLY SUBJECT TO A SPECIFIC REGULATORY DUTY RANGING FROM RS. 2.75 UNCLASSIFIED

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TO 3.50 PER POUND. THIS HAS BEEN REPLACED BY THE NEW AD VALOREM TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT DUTY.
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